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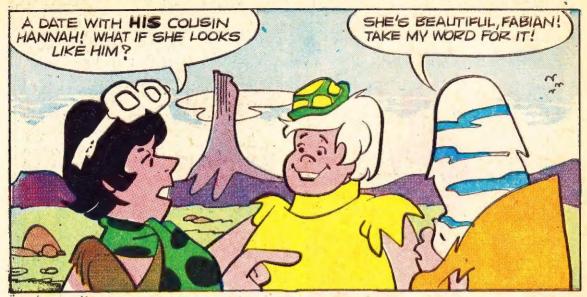






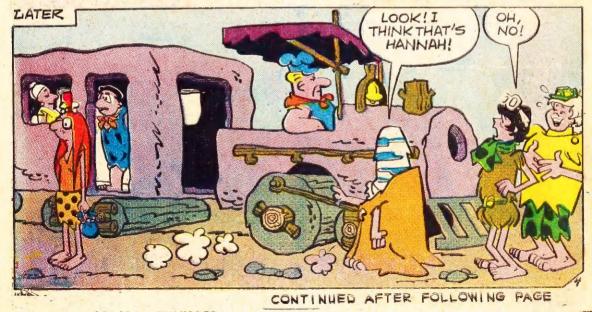


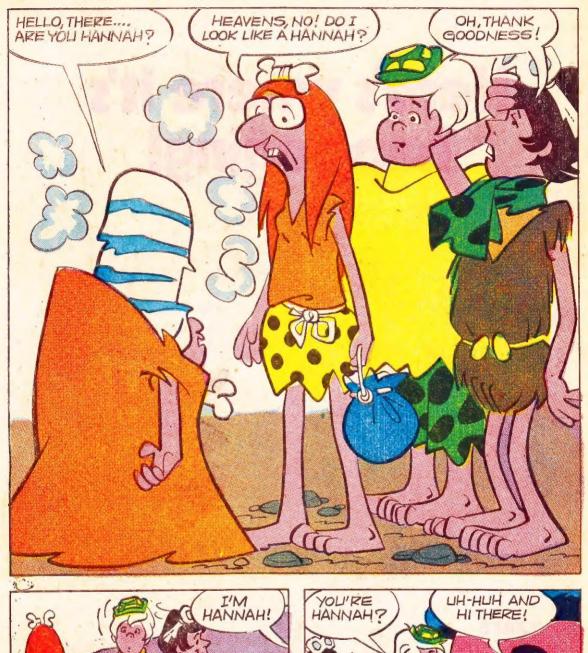


















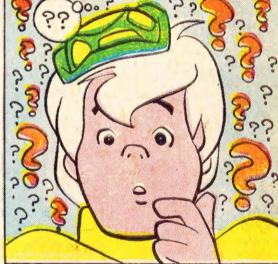






















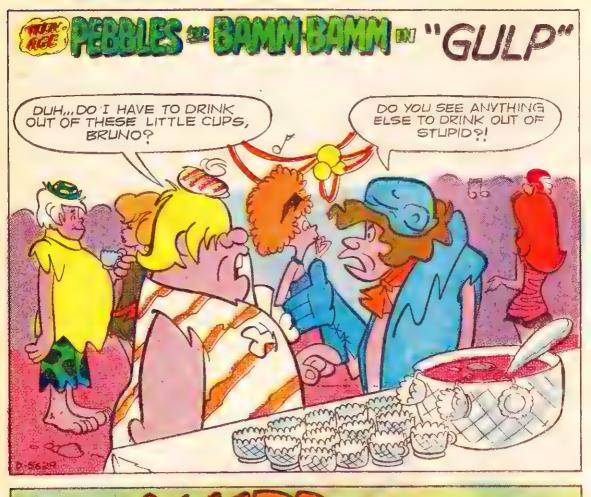


















LITTLE DOES BAMM-BAMM KNOW THAT THIS WILL BE THE MOST EXCITING FISHING TRIP OF ALL TIME!



































Polly the Pigeon was the first to arrive at the Friday morning, monthly meeting of the inhabitants of Echo Lake and its vicinity. When they had all gathered there, she mounted the Big Rock and began the meeting:

"We are all here because a complaint has been filed against Bloomie the Blue Jay. So I ask you all to listen very carefully to both sides of the situation. While we have no legal power to enforce our decision, we certainly can make sensible recommendations. So we now have Sparie the Sparrow who has given us the complaint."

The bird flew down from a branch of the Big Oak Tree on which she had been resting and presented her side of the case.

"We birds all have to teach our young ones to fly. Unless they can fly, they will not survive. I have watched Bloomie the Blue Jay and the way she tries to teach her young ones to fly. It certainly is a most disgraceful thing to watch. She pushes each one out of the nest and then says to that one to watch how she flaps her wings. She had four little ones in her nest on top of the Maple Tree. Well, she pushed the first little one out of the nest, and it started to fall to the ground. Fortunately, I saw this and dived down just in time to eatch that poor little bird with my beak. Did I get thanked for this kind deed? Nothing at all. You should have heard the terrible language used by Bloomie the Blue Jay. She told me to mind my business. Now Square the Squirrel was present and saw all of this. Go ask him how he feels."

"Objection, objection," said Toto the Turtle. "I am here to represent Bloomie the Blue Jay. The feelings of a squirrel have nothing at all to do with my client's case. And furthermore, I maintain that a squirrel does not fly. Hence, he is unable to know the situation or to pass any judgement upon it."

"Objection to objection," shouted Willie the Worm. "I am here to represent the prosecution. "How stupid can Toto the Turtle be? Doesn't he know that Squaro the Squirrel is a flying squirrel? He can go from one branch of a tree to another in a fraction of a second."

"If Square the Squirrel can fly, then I want to see his wings. Where are they? However, in order to get an

with the case, I waive my objection. Go ahead and let him testify."

"Fellow Inhabitants of Echo Lake and its vicinity," began the squirrel, "I saw all that took place. The poor little birds in the nest were all terrified. They had such a nice home. And then they had to learn to fly. Yes, the mother did push the one I saw right out of the nest. Not a nice thing to do."

"I have a suggestion to make," interrupted Chippy the Chipmunk, "We ought to have a book written. Gall "it: "Instructions on how to Fly." Each little bird gets a copy of it. That should solve the problem in the future."

"Only trouble with that idea," pointed out Polly the Pigeon, "is that the little birds are unable to read. Perhaps we could make some tape recordings and play them to the little birds in the nest. That might help a bit."

"You are all a lot of busybodies," shouted Bloomie the Blue Jay. "I have a right as a mother to raise my young ones as I see fit. What I did was the proper procedure. My other three little ones did get out of the nest by themselves. And they did also learn to fly. But this particular offspring of mine was lazy — preferred to remain in the nest all day long and let me go out and get the food. So I did shove my offspring out of the nest, and now she can fly."

Suddenly, a very big bird came right down to the ground. It was none other than Hattle the Hawk.

"Now I know you birds do not like me at all," began the Hawk. "But I do have something to say in this matter, for I am also a mather. And I have raised a let of children. Bloomie the Blue Jay should be praised because she did force that lazy little bird to fly. I was above the nest when that little bird was alone. Just as I was about to swoop down, that bird flew away. So I say three cheers for a good mather."

"When an enemy testifies that way, I have no choice but to dismiss the complaint," admitted Polly the Pigeon. "I also have had some experiences trying to teach my young ones to fly. Meeting is adjourned. Maybe we should have classes on how to fly for all the young birds to attend. I leave that Idea for your mature consideration."

































